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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14-17 are pending.

The claims are directed to a container with a double-walled structure. The entire container need not have such a double-walled structure, but rather such structure may be only in the region or regions of the container where high strength is required. See specification page 13, lines 9-13. Indeed, Figure 2 of the application as filed does not show the whole container, but rather only a detail pertaining to the rear part of such a container having the double-walled structure. Part 1, as indicated in Figure 2, is the "inner wall" and part 2 is the "outer wall" of the rear part of the container.

Applicants enclose an additional drawing (Fig. 4) which should make the invention more clear. Figures 2 and 4 represent a cross section through the back wall and along the length axis of the container. The circular extension of the container projects in both directions perpendicular to the paper's level. In the embodiment of Fig. 4, the container as claimed is in the form of a tub, and a separate inner drum is shown. It is also possible that the invention could be embodied in such an inner drum.

Part 1 and part 2 in terms of the embodiment of Figs. 2 and 4 are thermoplastic functional parts which are connected, e.g. by welding, to result in the rear part or back wall of the claimed container. Parts 1 and 2 are shown separately in the upper drawing of Figure 2, and shown connected in the lower drawing of Figure 2. The lower drawing of Figure 2 also indicates the bearing region of the bushing (3) and the cavity or space between the inner and outer walls which may be filled (claims 2-3), e.g. with polyurethane foam (page 13, line 7).

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Claims 1-8 and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. An applicant may show "possession of the claimed invention...using such descriptive means as words, structures, figures, diagrams, and formulas..." and "[t]here is a strong presumption that an adequate written description of the claimed invention is present when the application is filed." MPEP 2163. Applicants urge that the invention is adequately described in the written portion of the specification, for example at page 2, lines 42-46 and pages 11-13. Accordingly, applicant has demonstrated possession of the invention.

The Examiner objects to the drawing (Figure 2) as failing to show the claimed subject matter. As discussed above, applicants enclose a Figure 4 which should more completely show the claimed invention.

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